

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An electronic information retrieval device that is activated when used and deactivated when not used, comprising:

a time source;

~~a communication interface capable of communicating with one or more external devices;~~

at least one ~~I/O~~ output device;

a memory storing a plurality of time values and storing a corresponding plurality of time-based initialization default values; and

a processor communicating with said time source, ~~said communication interface~~, said at least one ~~I/O~~ output device, and said memory;

wherein said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon initialization of said device when activated from a deactivated state, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values, retrieves a corresponding particular time-based initialization default value from said plurality of time-based initialization default values, and uses said particular time-based initialization default value ~~in said initialization~~ to retrieve particular information for outputting to said output device.

2. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a time-of-day value.

3. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a day-of-week value.

4. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a week-of-year value.

5. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values includes a solar time value.

6. (Currently amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, ~~wherein said at least one I/O device comprises~~ further comprising a user input device and wherein a user input triggers said ~~initialization~~ activation.

7. (Currently amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said electronic information retrieval device further comprises a power supply and wherein said ~~initialization~~ activation occurs when said power supply first provides electrical power to said electronic device.

8. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said memory stores an initialization use pattern.

9. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 1, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are user-settable.

10. (Currently amended) An electronic information retrieval device, comprising:

a time source;

~~a communication interface capable of communicating with one or more external devices;~~

at least one ~~I/O~~ output device;

a memory storing a plurality of time values, storing a corresponding plurality of time-based initialization default values, and storing an initialization use pattern corresponding to user initialization value selections upon device initialization, with said plurality of time values and said plurality of corresponding time-based initialization default values being learned from said initialization use pattern; and

a processor communicating with said time source, said communication interface, said at least one ~~I/O~~ output device, and said memory;

wherein said processor obtains a current time value from said time source upon initialization of said device, compares said current time value to said plurality of time values, retrieves a corresponding particular time-based initialization default value from

said plurality of time-based initialization default values, and uses said particular time-based initialization default value ~~in said initialization~~ to retrieve particular information for outputting to said output device upon initialization of the electronic information retrieval device.

11. (Currently amended) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, ~~wherein said at least one I/O device comprises~~ further comprising a user input device and wherein a user input triggers said initialization.

12. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, wherein said electronic information retrieval device further comprises a power supply and wherein said initialization occurs when said power supply first provides electrical power to said electronic device.

13. (Original) The electronic information retrieval device of claim 10, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are user-settable.

14. (Currently amended) A computer-implemented default initialization method for an electronic information retrieval device, comprising the steps of:

- obtaining a current time value upon said initialization;
- comparing said current time value to a plurality of time values;
- retrieving a corresponding time-based initialization default value from a plurality of time-based initialization default values if said current time value matches a predetermined time value of said plurality of time values;
- using said corresponding time-based initialization default value in said initialization method as an information retrieval value to retrieve particular information for output to an output device.

15. (Original) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding time-based initialization default value comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL).

16. (Original) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding time-based initialization default value comprises a television channel.

17. (Original) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said corresponding time-based initialization default value comprises a radio channel.

18. (Currently amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said plurality of time values and said plurality of time-based initialization default values are learned by said electronic information retrieval device from an initialization use pattern corresponding to user-selected initialization values.

19. (Currently amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said initialization ~~is an initialization~~ of said electronic information retrieval device occurs at a power on.

20. (Currently amended) The computer implemented default initialization method of claim 14, wherein said initialization ~~is an initialization~~ corresponds to activation of a software application running on said electronic information retrieval device.